

McKENNEY POND
Holeb, Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. Attean, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
White sucker	Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 38 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 48 feet	Surface - 78° F.
	43 feet - 43° F.

McKenney Pond is a small pond almost surrounded by a series of small ridges. Local mature stands of spruce, fir, and mixed hardwoods are now being harvested. A new gravel road swings by the lower end of the pond, making access by car possible from Eustis.

The water quality is satisfactory for brook trout. The deep water at the upper end of the pond provides a refuge for trout when the shallow areas become excessively warm during prolonged hot weather. An oxygen deficiency occurs below the 25-foot level.

The outlet flows through a deep, rocky gorge with some nursery area available but no spawning gravel. The inlet has a limited amount of spawning gravel with several pools created by abandoned beaver dams. Many of these pools have small trout.

Although competition is not very heavy, trout were not numerous in the pond. The increased fishing pressure during the past summer appears to have reduced the trout population drastically. It is recommended that the use or possession of live fish as bait be prohibited and that a 5-fish limit be considered. The pond was stocked with fall fingerlings in 1965 to help restore the previous quality of fishing.

